



Parish of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, April 13, 2014
Palm Sunday



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Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes new residents and visitors. It is wonderful to celebrate the Eucharist with you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register.

CELEBRATING THE DAYS

Monday, April 14

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** John L. Hennessy
Angela Gietl

Tuesday, April 15

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:20 AM** Sebastian Vadakedath

Wednesday, April 16

- ✘ Confessions before Mass
- ✘ **8:00 AM** Barbara Rutherford
- 5:30PM** Prayer Service

Thursday, April 17—Holy Thursday

- 8:00 AM** Morning Prayer
- ✘ **7:00 PM** Marilyn Meyer

Friday, April 18—Good Friday

- 8:20 AM** Morning Prayer
- 3:00 PM** Live Stations of the Cross
- ✘ **5:30 PM** Good Friday Services

Saturday, April 19—Easter Vigil

- 8:00 AM** Morning Prayer
- ✘ **8:00 PM** Leonard & Edith Berry

Sunday, April 20- - Easter Sunday

- ✘ **7:00 AM** Charles Brady
- ✘ **8:30 AM** Nelle Clark
- ✘ **10:30 AM** Intentions of Our Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line

Call the Parish Office 528-7521

Please pray for the intention of : Anna Eleyidath, Josette, Danielle Loftus, Ruth Pohlman, Charles Klaphake, Annie, Bernadine, Barb, Tony, Kurt C, Rosemary Sugent Fox, Tom VonBerg, Ellen White, Barbara, Sharon Olsson, Judy, Austin Shields, Brenda Price, Cindi, Dave, Sandy, Bernie Quigley, Sandy H, Jim C., Jason Baird, Dorothy Willenborg, Tyra Redpath, Miles Fifer, Maureen, Julie, Marian McDermott-Plain, Brian Meredith, Diane, Katie Bronken, Virginia Stannard

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week. All through Lent we have been preparing spiritually to participate in the Easter Triduum, that is, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Of all the events we celebrate, nothing is more to the heart of our faith than this. Jesus suffered and died for **our** sins. His resurrection is victory over death. This week's liturgies remind us of Christ's gift of salvation.

The triduum begins on **Holy Thursday** evening when we gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. No other Masses are allowed. The liturgy for this day is founded on the last supper Jesus ate with his disciples before his death. It was the Jewish feast of Passover—a feast celebrated by the Israelites since the time of Moses—which recalled how God saved them from the slavery of the Egyptians. Yet, Jesus made it something more. He declared the wine and bread of this meal to be his body and blood and it would be offered for all sins. It is also in this service that we commemorate Jesus' washing of the disciple's feet. This rite is to impress upon us our calling to serve one another. The Mass begins at 7:00 pm and will be followed by adoration.

Good Friday is the only day the church does not celebrate Mass. Instead we mark the day by fasting. The official service focuses on the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John. There is also veneration of the cross and a communion service. This service begins at 5:30 pm. (Earlier in the afternoon—3 pm—our 7th grade class will re-enact the stations of the cross. All are invited to attend this as well.)

Holy Saturday concludes the Easter Triduum. On that day Mass is not allowed until dark. Thus, there will be no 4:30 Mass, but rather, the Easter Vigil Mass beginning at 8:00 pm. This liturgy is often called the greatest of all our liturgies and is rooted in the ancient celebration of Easter by the early church. It begins with a blessing of a new fire from which the Easter candle is lit and carried into the church. Several scripture readings follow in which the creation, our fall from grace, and God's promise to send a savior are recalled. The Gospel of Jesus resurrection is then proclaimed. Following this, our new baptismal water is blessed and new members are baptized and/or received into the church. The Mass concludes with the Eucharist where these new members join us in communion for the first time. If you have never attended this service, I strongly urge you to do so. (Yes, it does count for your Sunday obligation.) The service is long—lasting a little over two hours, but the beauty and power of the liturgy and the support it gives our new parishioners is well worth it.

Easter Sunday Masses will be held at the regular times of 7 am, 8:30 am, and 10:30 am.

A couple of other reminders is that there are no confessions scheduled for next Saturday or for anytime after the beginning of the Triduum. There will also be no morning Masses on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. Instead there will be morning prayer at 8:00 am.

The **Chrism Mass**, where the Bishop blesses the oils used in the church, will be held Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral.

Holy Week is more than simply retelling the events of our faith. It is an invitation for all of us to enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection. We are not just called to be spectators. By our participation, we allow the love of Christ to be impressed on our hearts. I hope you will attend these ancient and beautiful liturgies that celebrate our faith in Christ. You will be glad you did.

Fr. Jeff

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized!
Lucille Marie Scott, daughter of Jeffrey & Brynne Scott

School Notes:

Thursday, April 17-Holy Thursday-1:30 dismissal for Easter Vacation. B.A.S.E. provided

Friday April 18-Sunday April 27—No School-Easter Vacation

Friday, April 19– Good Friday-3:00pm Living Stations

Sunday, April 27– 1:00pm– First Communion for Mrs. Kroner' class and PSR.

Monday, April 28-School Resumes

Tuesday, April 29-Mid Quarter reports

Good News! The *Building on Tradition* campaign reached a milestone last week when contributions topped the \$5million mark. The campaign provided for the expansion of Blessed Sacrament School, including the new preschool wing, library, gymnasium and office wing, as well as many improvements to the original part of the school and to the outdoor space at the parish. Thank you to all of our capital campaign donors-we are in the homestretch now with approximately \$395,000 left to complete the campaign. Monthly pledges continue and many generous parishioners have added to their original pledged amounts. If you have not yet made a gift to the campaign, it's not too late! Plans are underway to celebrate the end of *Building on Tradition* and honor our campaign contributors at the Pastor's Annual Party on November 23, 2014.

Ladies Night Out-Save the Date– Friday, May 2, 2014, 6-10pm, at Blessed Sacrament School. \$20 per person with RSVP, \$25 at the door. Please join us for a fun evening including hors d' oeuvres, cocktails, door prizes and a fashion show. Get registered for a special door prize drawing if you pay by credit card when you RSVP. Please RSVP by April 30th to Tricia Schlosser at 971-9569 or Triciaschlos@yahoo.com

Ghana Project Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 7:00pm in the Rectory Basement. Anyone interested in participating in the Ghana Project is invited to attend.

Living Stations: Our 7th Graders will present the Living Stations, this Friday, Good Friday, April 18th at 3:00PM. Please join them in this prayerful journey.

Thank you to all the workers and to all who participated in making our Fish Fries a success.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 8:00am Morning Prayer
7:00 pm Mass

Good Friday: 8:20am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Live Stations
5:30pm Good Friday Services

Holy Saturday 8:00am Morning Prayer
8:00pm Easter Vigil

Diving Mercy Novena here at Blessed Sacrament:

The Novena to the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet 15 minutes before Morning Prayer on Good Friday & Holy Saturday and before the Masses April 20th through Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th. (for the 8:30am & 10:30am Sunday Masses, we will begin 20 minutes before Mass). If you cannot join us, please say the Novena at home. For any questions or if you would like to lead us in prayer please contact Donna 622-8576.

Monthly Prayer Vigils at Granite City Abortion Clinic sponsored by the Gospel of Life Committee are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please join us, Saturday, April 19th. Leave Blessed Sacrament Parking Lot at 7:00am, two hour prayer vigil, return to Springfield approximately 12 Noon. To attend please call Eric Portz 718-4030.

Catholic Charities Thank You to Fr. Grant and the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament for your support of our "Driving Down Hunger Campaign". Your purchase of over 100 tickets brought the Mobile Food Pantry much closer to reality. Drawing will be April 25th, 6:30pm in the Cathedral Atrium. All are invited to attend. Tickets are still available by calling 321-8311.

Interest in an Active Women's group at Blessed Sacrament Parish. We are conducting a survey to see if there is an interest in a women's group. This survey can be completed online, following the link from the home page of our parish website, www.bsps.org This survey was also emailed to women in the parish who have an email on their parish roster information. Ladies, please complete this survey online, before Monday, April 21. After the 21st the survey will be mailed to all women in the parish who did not complete it online. We will publish the results of the survey by the end of May. Thank you for taking time to complete this survey.

ADORATION HOURS

We are in the home stretch for Lent! How are you doing? There is still time to “finish strong”. If not using one, the “Little Black Book” of Lenten meditations is great, and is available from the church office! Ignore the calendar—the daily meditations are timeless. “Spend some quiet time with the Lord.” Contact Merle King at 528-6088 or Tom Karaianis at 415-3281, if you want some more information about scheduled adoration, or if you have any questions.

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| 1:00 A.M. SUNDAY | 5:00 P.M. THURSDAY |
| 2:00 A.M. SUNDAY | 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY |
| 1:00 A.M. TUESDAY | 2:00 A.M. FRIDAY |
| 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY | 3:00 A.M. FRIDAY |
| 2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY | 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY |
| 4:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY | 2:00 A.M. SATURDAY |
| 11:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY | |

Prayers for the Sanctity of Life-Each Wednesday during Lent, after the 8:00am Mass, a deacon will lead us in praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet as offerings of compassion, mercy, and healing for those among us suffering from the trauma of abortion, as well as prayers for the protection of all innocent life.

Save the Date: On Sunday, June 1st, at 2:00pm Fr. James O’Shea will offer Mass, here at Blessed Sacrament, to celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. Details in future bulletins

Liturgical Publications publishes our bulletin each week at no charge to our parish. They seek advertisers for our bulletin and these business ultimately pay the publication costs. In addition, we receive a semi-annual payment for a portion of the advertising proceeds. As an added service to our parish and our business sponsors a website, www.SeekAndFind.com has a listing of all our bulletin advertisers. It is an extra advertising tool for them and a great resource for our parish members when looking for a service or business. The website also has a link to our parish bulletin through which you may “Subscribe” to the bulletin and it will be automatically emailed to you whenever a new issue becomes available. Thank you to all of the businesses who advertise in our bulletin. Please support them when you can and mention that you saw their listing in our parish bulletin.

Please pray for our RCIA: We have a number of people going through the RCIA process this year. As they prepare to enter the Catholic Church at Easter, we are asking you to choose one and become their prayer sponsor from now until Easter. There is a board in the vestibule with their photos and names. Please choose one and add them to your prayer list by name. This will be a blessing to the person you pray for and to you.

The Springfield Area Young Adult Ministry invites Catholic couples to a monthly study program with Fr. Robert Barron’s Catholicism DVD series. Meetings will be every 3rd Sunday of the month starting in March. Each session is about an hour and there will be time for discussion afterwards. The session will start at 2:00pm. For more information, please contact Brett & Elizabeth Long at blong292@gmail.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**WEEK OF APRIL 14-18****Monday-Wednesday****8:00AM –8:20AM**

Jackie Romer-Jaydon Snodgrass

Thurs.- Friday

No morning Masses

Saturday, April 19, 8:00PM**Lector:** Daniel Heffernan, Bob Vincent**Servers:** Dominc LoGrasso, Ben Scheufele, Danny Heffernan, Kevin Heffernan, Michael Dailey, Josh Moore**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noreen Luhr, Marty Mosley, Scott Reimers, Janine Feller, Colleen VonDeBur, Kathryn Gietl, Susan Galagher**Sunday, April 20, 7:00am****Lector:** Carolyn Graham**Servers:** Riley Hinds, Nick DePooter**Eucharistic Ministers:** Phil Graham, Michele Hinds-Greenwood, Sally Petrone, Pat Sheehan, Ann Walker**Sunday, April 20, 8:30 AM****Lector:** Mike Goza**Servers:** Emma Smith, Rachael Loftus, Taylor Loftus, Jacks Hyde**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne Capestrain, Larry Newell, James Dodge, Carol Guthrie, Mike Delvo, Laurie Mann, Andrew Adams, Bradley Frost**Sunday, April 20, 10:30 AM****Lector:** Dan Schuering**Servers:** Will Moran, Tyree Redpath, Jack Allen, Augie Antonacci, Noah Finch, Braeden Frey, Daniel Gardner, Noah Kren Grace McDonald, Maya Dye**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Campbell, Barbara Erdmann, Barney Bruzetti, Jim Morphew, MaryAnn Gorney, Mary Tuttle, Rita Keys, James Keys

Project Rachel can help women and men heal from the pain of abortion.

Ursuline Academy Alumni Foundation and the Knights of Columbus #4175 will host the 41st Annual Chicken Dinner on May 4th. Any business or alumni that would like to participate in the Advertisers Spotlight may do so by downloading the form on our website at www.KofC4175.org

Piano Planer Needed: Springfield Area Young Adult Mass (YAM) is in need of a piano player for their 6:30pm Sunday Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 1615 West Washington. The candidate must be able to select and prepare songs each Sunday, practice them with a small choir one hour before Mass and then play the songs during the 6:30pm Mass. A stipend is included. For more information please contact Andrew Hansen at andrewhansen1@yahoo.com

Pat Kornfield, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. 698-8500

Building on Tradition

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| Cost of Project | \$5,400,000.00 |
| Total Received | <u>\$5,008,177.41</u> |
| Balance Remaining | \$ 391,822.59 |
| Amount Received Last Week | \$ 8,544.16 |

STEWARDSHIP

(Time / Talent /Treasure)

Parish Collection

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| Target Amount | \$23,500.00 |
| Sunday, March 30, 2014 | \$17,360.00 |

ACSA (Annual Catholic Services Appeal)

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| 2013 ACSA Assessment | \$122,624.00 |
| Amount Pledged (as of 3/19/14) | \$66,219.54 |
| Amount Remaining | \$56,404.46 |
| 17% of our parishioners have contributed to date | |